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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Rene Duzac
Serial No.: 10/658,696
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING A CABLE
CONNECTED TO A CIRCUIT BOARD ASSEMBLY
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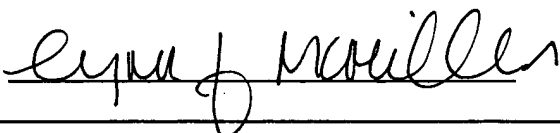
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (this form, 2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement, Total Pages: 3;
- ☒ Return Receipt Pre-paid Postcard (in duplicate), Total Postcards: 2;
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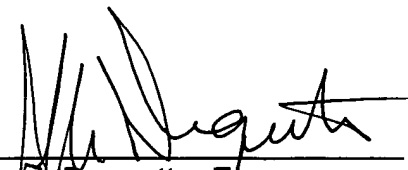
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	28	- 28	0	X \$50.00	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	5	- 5	0	X \$200.00	= \$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					= \$0.00

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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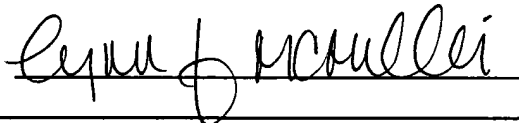
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 30, 2006 in connection with the above-identified Application.

The Office Action imposed a restriction by requiring that the Applicant elects one of Group I (Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-21, 22-24, and 32) drawn to a circuit board module and Group II (Claims 25, 26, and 28-31) drawn to a method for assembling a circuit board module.

The Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-21, 22-24, and 32. The Applicant respectfully submits that the inclusion of claims 29 and 30 as part of Group II is improper and that claims 29 and 30 should instead be included in Group I.

As indicated above, the claims of Group II are drawn to a method for assembling a circuit board module. However, both claims 29 and 30 are apparatus claims that depend from independent claim 1, included in Group I. Therefore, while the Applicant has elected claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-21, 22-24, and 32 for prosecution on the merits, the Applicant believes that the election of claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-21, 22-24, 29, 30, and 32 as a group is proper. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

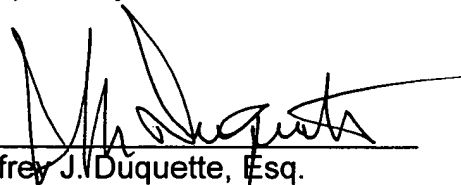
Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims of at least the scope of the non-elected claims (i.e., claims 25, 26, 28, 31) in one or more related Applications.

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An early and favorable communication is hereby earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants Representative collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this Response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

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